

Introduced by Senator Lowenthal

February 22, 2007

An act to add Section 101.13 to the Streets and Highways Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 484, as introduced, Lowenthal. Highway and structural designations.

Existing law provides that the Department of Transportation has full possession and control of all state highways. Existing law imposes various requirements on the department regarding the placement of specified signs on state highways.

This bill would establish specified conditions that would be required to be satisfied in order for a segment of a state highway or a highway structure to be named or designated in honor of a person or entity.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 101.13 is added to the Streets and
- 2 Highways Code, to read:
- 3 101.13. Consistent with the signing requirements for the state
- 4 highway system, the department shall erect appropriate plaques
- 5 and markers naming or designating specified segments of the state
- 6 highway system or highway structures in honor of a person or
- 7 entity if all of the following conditions are met:

1 (a) The naming or designation is requested in writing by a
2 Member of the Legislature who represents the district in which
3 the highway or structure is located.

4 (b) (1) The request identifies the specific highway segment or
5 structure to be named or designated.

6 (2) If a segment of highway is to be named or designated, it
7 shall not exceed five miles in length.

8 (c) The person or entity being honored has provided
9 extraordinary public service or some exemplary contribution to
10 the public good and has a connection to the community where the
11 highway segment or structure is located.

12 (d) The naming or designation reflects a community consensus
13 and is without local opposition.

14 (e) The naming or designation does not supersede any existing
15 designation unless the requestor can document that a good faith
16 effort has uncovered no opposition to rescinding the prior
17 designation.

18 (f) The department has received sufficient funds from nonstate
19 sources to cover the costs, as determined by the department, of
20 reviewing the request and erecting the appropriate plaques and
21 markers. The department may also charge an additional amount,
22 not to exceed 10 percent of the installation cost, to cover ongoing
23 maintenance costs.

24 (g) The naming or designation meets any other conditions
25 established by the department.